CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	020_20.JPG
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	2000211.005
Medium:	Image File
Distributor:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	04 September 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	04 September 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file depicts a partially nude teenaged girl photographed in an objectifying and voyeuristic manner contrived to focus attention on her immature physical development. It exploits the nudity of its young subject to such a high degree that its availability is likely to be injurious to the public good. There is a likely harm to society from images such as this which encourage and normalise such exploitation. The image is therefore classified as objectionable. While an objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, it reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.